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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTAN REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

1. UPPER VOLTAN PERMREP YAGUIBOU SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT MORNING FEBRUARY 18 TO SAY THAT HE WAS EXPECTING A VISIT TO U.S. IN EARLY MARCH FROM HIS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO MAKE PLEA FOR MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. ACCORDING YAGUIBOU NEW MINISTER, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS ALSO A PREFESSOR, IS TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON MARCH 7 AND TO BE THERE "PERHAPS FIVE DAYS." HE HAS DIRECTED YAGUIBOU TO ARRANGE FOR A SERIES OF "HIGH LEVEL APPOINTMENTS."

2. YAGUIBOU RECALLED THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY AND CHANGE IN RECENT MONTHS. NEW MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ALFRED KABORI IS VERY ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH BETTER RELATIONS WITH U.S. YAGUIBOU SAID HE KNEW FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE HOW CROWDED SECSTATE'S SCHEDULE IS AND HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS. HE HAD HAD VISITS FROM THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN PAST; HE IMPLIED HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR ANY OF THEM. THIS TIME IT WAS HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT HIS NEW MINISTER BE RECEIVED BY
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SECSTATE. SUCH A MEETING WOULD CLEARLY AFFECT U.S.-UPPER

VOLTAN RELATIONS. HE ASKED USUN'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENT. BENNETT REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SUBMIT YAGUIBOU'S REQUEST, BUT REMINDED THAT DECISIONS ON APPOINTMENTS WITH SECSTATE ARE MADE IN WASHINGTON. HE SUGGESTED THAT YAGUIBOU APPROACH DEPARTMENT IN HIS CAPACITY AS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.
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